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Sen. Allen, Rep. Walker request governor's support for Kingsley

Lansing – State Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City met with Gov. Jennifer Granholm's office today to apprise her of the roof problem and school closure at Kingsley High School and asked her to take action.

"It is crucial that the governor understands the problem facing Kingsley," Allen said. "The governor possesses the ability to help ensure that Kingsley has the flexibility it needs to educate the students with minimal impact."

Sen. Allen requested on behalf of himself and Rep. Howard Walker, R-Traverse City, that the governor use her ability to declare a state of emergency for Kingsley High School, which would provide for additional options in the school day, allowing the students' education to continue.

"Senator Allen and I have provided her with a detailed description of the challenges that face the school and we look forward to her assistance on this matter," Walker said. "We look forward to working together with the governor for our students."

The legislators are continuing their efforts in other areas to address this situation in addition to the assistance the governor may provide.

Resources to help with the repairs to the roof also are being explored.

"We have asked that priority status be given to legislation that would enable the Kingsley school administration additional options for student instruction," Allen said. "We will continue to work with Kingsley and investigate what resources are available to rebuild the roof and get the students back in their school as soon as possible."

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